

TOWN ELECTION — CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Four (4) Town resident candidates have submitted their letters of intent to run for the office of Town Commissioner. Below, are their campaign statements.



Nancy C. Clagett

After residing in Dallas for 30 years and raising a family there, my husband and I returned to Upper Marlboro in 2011 to restore his family home, Kingston. I worked professionally as a critical care nurse/supervisor, and later applied that knowledge to volunteer activities in our church and community. My interest in interior design was helpful in restoring Kingston to the high standard set by the Historic Preservation Commission. This home, with others in the Historic District, serves as an example of fine craftsmanship seen in Upper Marlboro centuries ago.

If elected to the Board of Commissioners, my attention will be to insure delivery of services necessary for the health and safety of our residents. Healthy growth in Upper Marlboro depends upon its designation as a Sustainable Community, expansion of the Town Hall and promoting beautification of the downtown area. My vision for the Town is to see a thriving, diverse business environment with shops, bakery, barista and restaurants that cater to daytime visitors, workers and residents. Finding an adaptive reuse for the old elementary school before it deteriorates is also high on my list.



George M. Leonnig

With the retirement of Commission President Steven Sonnett, the Town faces an election this year where the residents have a real choice. Linda Pennoyer and I have agreed to run as a team to give the Town that choice. First, there is the choice of new people running the government. Secondly, we hope to give a choice on the proposed Town Hall addition, the cost of which has been variously stated at \$1.2 million or \$750,000, depending on which plan Mr. Sonnett was putting forth. Ms. Pennoyer and I are opposed to this "Taj Mahal" as proposed. The cost-benefit analysis does not make sense for our Town of 600 residents. More importantly, Mr. Sonnett proposes this plan, but now retires from implementing it. How does that work? It doesn't, in the real world.

As to who is best to be the President going forward, I think Ms. Pennoyer has the management background and people skills to be an effective President. We both have lived in the town for twenty five years and I served as Town Commissioner and Treasurer in 2008 and 2009. Vote Pennoyer and Leonnig on January 4, 2016.



Linda Pennoyer

I have lived here in town for 25 years. Anyone who has been here for a while can say remember when we had florist, a bakery, a bowling alley and many other places that have long since moved on. We are the County Seat, something we are very proud of, but we are also a Town of families raising children, empty nesters who like the small town feeling and young people just starting out. We are here after the street lights come on, it's our hometown.

Although we cannot necessarily grow in size, we can still grow. I believe we can grow in community. I think we can attract more businesses if we change the attitude of the Town. This is something I refer to as the Town triangle, businesses, services and residents coming together to exchange ideas and work towards new goals for the future.

I feel it is the responsibility of a Town Commissioner to work toward bringing that triangle together. Working to achieve a balance, so we are all on the same page going forward.

It would be my honor to work towards that as a Town Commissioner.



James Storey

I have been Town Commissioner/Treasurer for the past 6 years and have immensely enjoyed serving the people. I'd like to continue to do so. To enhance that ability, I've established a strong working relationship with our 11 Town employees. I've been exposed to the financial/executive responsibilities of the Town, and am "up to speed" on our proposed capital improvements to better serve the needs of our citizens. My previous professional background includes 24 years in the Air Force, including jobs as operational commander and maintenance supervisor. My career includes flying Heavy jets for 40 years, but I also have a BS in Mathematics (USFA) and an MBA (Ball St.) that complement my actual hands-on experience. I am proud of my service and affiliation with my fellow members of the Armed Forces. I'm a "vested member of the Community" having lived in Upper Marlboro for 34 years, raising my 6 children here; while coaching in the Marlboro Boys & Girls Club (B-ball, Track, Soccer) for 8 years, and Head Track & X-Country Coach at Douglass High School for 12 years. Last, but not least, I am an active member of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish.

It's that time of year again! Every two years, on the even numbered years, qualified voters in the Town elect 3 persons as Commissioners to serve a two-year term.

Voter Name _____

Voter Number _____ Judge's Initials _____

Official Ballot

The Town of Upper Marlboro

General Election

January 4, 2016

to elect 3 members to the
Board of Town Commissioners

Board of Supervisors of Elections
Yvonne Tucker/Chair
John M. ...
Patric...

The 2016 Town election will be held on **Monday, January 4, 2016**. The polls will be open from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. If you are already registered to vote with the County, then you are automatically registered to vote in the Town of Upper Marlboro. If you are not, or care not, to be registered with the County Board of Elections, you can still register with the Town ONLY.

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Write an "X" in box to the right of selection
(vote for NOT MORE than three)

Nancy C. Clagett	<input type="checkbox"/>
George M. Leonnig	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Pennoyer	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Storey	<input type="checkbox"/>
(write-in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(write-in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(write-in)	<input type="checkbox"/>



If you are a registered voter of the Town and will not be present on January 4 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. or are unable to physically come to the Town Hall, you can request an absentee ballot. An absentee voter application will be mailed to you, or, drop it off at Town Hall. You may request an absentee ballot application starting on Friday, December 4, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. The last day you can request an absentee voter application is Thursday, December 24, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. The deadline to return your absentee ballot is before the polls close on January 4, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. Please mail your written request with your name and return address to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, 14211 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 and, upon approval,